

## ST. JOHANNIS GEMEINDE

ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED TOMORROW.

Revs. Edward Huber and U. Burkhardt, of Baltimore, will preach sermons—Rev. Paul L. Menzel, anniversary.

The Deutsche Evangelische St. Johannis Gemeinde, whose house of worship is located on Eighth and Marshall streets, will to-morrow celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. The pastor and the congregation have completed all arrangements to make the occasion a memorable one. Divine services will be held in the morning and evening, and an attractive musical programme will be executed by the choir under the leadership of Professor Louis E. Ide.

Rev. Mr. Edward Huber, a former pastor of St. John's church, who is now located in Baltimore, will deliver an appropriate sermon in the morning, and Rev. U. Burkhardt, of Baltimore, will preach in the evening. At the close of his sermon, Rev. Paul L. Menzel, the present pastor of St. John's church, will read a brief history and recapitulation of the church since its organization. If the weather is favorable the members of the congregation will still further celebrate the anniversary on Monday by a social gathering at Union Park. There will be all sorts of games and out-door sports, but no dancing is to be indulged in.

Together with the anniversary of the church, Rev. Paul L. Menzel will to-morrow celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as minister. However, this part of the celebration will be a sad one for him, for it will be the first time that on that day the partner of his life, his beloved wife, will be missing. It was in August last year when Mrs. Menzel was called away from her husband and children to a better life. Ever since then Mr. Menzel had given up the idea to have a separate celebration of the anniversary, which would have really taken place on August 26th if Mrs. Menzel had been spared any longer.

The date of October 8th has been selected for the proper observance of the anniversary of the church, because of the fact that on that day, in 1838, the present splendid church building was solemnly dedicated to divine service, although the congregation of the organization of the church falls in the month of August.

The congregation of St. Johannes Deutsche Evangelische Kirche was organized May 8, 1848, with fifty members. Dr. A. Caspari, August Schlad and C. Maes formed the nucleus of the church. Nordmeier, president; Albert Appen, secretary; O. A. Strecker, treasurer. These gentlemen, together with Messrs. J. Kloeber, Jacob Freyfohr, Martin Kress, Dr. A. Caspari, August Schlad and C. Maes formed the nucleus of the church. It was decided to advertise in the New York Staats Zeitung that the services of a worthy Lutheran minister were desired by the congregation.

Two clergymen, Revs. Clements and Stratter, preached to the congregation during the month of August in that year. The former resigned, and on August 31st the call was extended to the Rev. J. Stratter to become the pastor of the young church. During the year the organization was completed and services were held in a building still in existence on the north side of Marshall between Fourth and Fifth streets. The salary of the pastor of the church was \$1,000 per year.

After a service of fourteen months Rev. Dr. J. Stratter resigned on November 5, 1849, and Rev. J. C. Hoyer, of Baltimore, became his successor, who remained in the church about twenty-one years. He was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Schwarz from 1850 to 1857; then followed Rev. John Blenner for a few months and Rev. William Ide, who remained pastor of the congregation until his death, on July 16, 1888. He was followed by Rev. C. Scholz from 1889 to 1892.

During the first thirty years of the existence of the congregation it did not belong to any Synod of the German Lutheran Church, but in 1878 it was connected with the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. During the second year of the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Hoyer the congregation bought a lot of land on the north side of the church building which was dedicated at Christmas, 1847. A parish school was also organized under the supervision of the pastor and a school board.

Rev. Ed. Huber, who succeeded Rev. C. Scholz, arrived in the city on December 25, 1873, from Jefferson City, Mo. He was a member of the German Evangelical Synod of North America and on May 2nd of the following year, his congregation was accepted by the Synod as a member at the conference held at Cumberland, Md. The Evangelical Church to which St. John's German Church since belonged, represents the union of the two churches of the Reformation—German Lutheran and Reformed.

The church was organized by the efforts of King Frederick William III. since 1817, in the established churches of Prussia, Baden, Hesse, Nassau, and other German States. This union is the Word of God as the highest authority in religious matters. As to the different confessions and symbols of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, it accepts them wherever they agree, but wherever they differ it is left to each church to follow its own convictions according to the true principles of Christian liberty of conscience, provided that he submits faithfully to the teachings of Holy Scripture as a living and active spiritual body, whereof Christ is the head.

The present pastor of the church says in regard to the connection of his congregation with the Synod:

"St. John's German church has been greatly blessed during the twenty years of its connection with the Evangelical Church. The Gospel of Jesus Christ our Saviour has proved unto its members the power of God and the efficacy of His Word. And the present prosperous condition of the church is due to the solid foundation that has been laid, never to be abolished."

An important event under Pastor Huber was the erection of the present handsome church, the corner Eighth and Marshall streets, which was dedicated on October 8, 1848. In February, 1883, the pastor resigned and left for Baltimore. He was followed by Rev. J. C. Hoyer for a few months until the new pastor of the church, Rev. R. A. Jones, arrived in Richmond. During the two and a half years of the latter's pastorate the school-building on Eighth street was erected.

In February, 1883, the present pastor, Rev. Paul L. Menzel reached this city and took at once charge of the congregation. Under him St. John's church has continued to prosper, for he is not only a man of rare cultivation and high education, but an eloquent preacher, and a pastor in the true sense of the word. His faithful work is highly appreciated by all and he is dearly beloved, not only by the members of his congregation, but by all who have come in contact with him.

Rev. Paul L. Menzel was born in Lausanne, Switzerland, on March 5, 1839, and when four years old, his family moved to St. Hippolyte, Department Du Gard, France, where his father was the French and German pastor. In 1850 he went to Germany, and for the next ten years he visited various schools and colleges at Koenigsberg, Baden; Nisky and Gnadensfeld, Saxony; and from school "summa cum laude" and passed subsequently some very meritorious theological examinations. He then taught school at Koenigsberg, Lausanne and Nisky, and at the last-named place he held the position of ordinarius of Tertius, Secundus and Prima of the paedagogium college.

On August 29, 1888, he was ordained as minister of Nisky by Bishop Ernst Reichard and subsequently filled pastorate at Lausanne, as German and French minister. In Basel, Switzerland, and Herrenhut, Alsace. In 1874 Rev. Menzel came to America, and subsequently filled pastorate at Danville and Perkinsville, in the part of the State of New York. In 1880 he

went to Albany, N. Y., where he remained until he came to Richmond in 1886.

St. John's church has at present about 200 families as members and the following are its officers: Paul L. Menzel, pastor; H. C. Miller, president; Louis E. Ide, vice-president; George C. Dietrich, corresponding secretary; C. C. Thon, financial secretary; August Pohlig, treasurer. These gentlemen together with Messrs. H. Jacob, H. Knackstedt, H. Kuehnemann, J. Volmer, F. Wahl, D. Witte and L. Witten compose the vestry.

In connection with the church a Sunday-school is in existence, consisting of 36 officers and teachers and about 200 pupils. The following are its officers: H. Kuehnemann, president; V. Gehrmann, vice-president; G. C. Dietrich, superintendent; H. Jacob, secretary; C. Germeimant, financial secretary; Miss A. Lott, treasurer; C. Witten, librarian.

In connection with the church are the following prosperous organizations: Frauenverein: Mrs. John Brauer, president; Mrs. J. P. Fuchs, vice-president; Mrs. P. Dietz, secretary; Mrs. A. Behle, treasurer.

Tabes Verein: Mrs. Minnie Franck, president; Mrs. G. C. Dietrich, vice-president; Miss A. Lott, secretary; Miss L. Mattern, treasurer.

Rev. James Little will preach at the Grace-Street Presbyterian church at 11 A. M., and Rev. G. M. White, of Chestnut Hill, at 8 P. M., Sunday.

Rev. J. Y. Fain, D. D., the pastor, will be absent, having an engagement to preach in Washington.

Dr. Richard H. Thomas, of Baltimore, a minister in the Society of Friends, will speak on "Applied Christianity in Social and Political Life" at Broad-street Methodist church at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Dr. Thomas is a learned and fluent speaker, and being very conversant with the subject, is sure to interest his hearers. The public is invited to attend.

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Henric: Thomas H. Farrand and wife to David Aldridge, lots 10 and 11 in Farrandville, \$9,200; and 28 in square 22, Highland Park, \$600.

A New Democratic Paper.

A charter to the National Democratic Publishing Company, owned by the publishers of the Washington Post, was admitted to record yesterday by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The capital stock is \$50,000, and the officers of the company are as follows: Aaron E. McLaughlin, president; J. C. McLaughlin, vice-president; Walter J. Costello, of Fairfax county, Va., treasurer; Azro Goff, of Fairfax county, Va., secretary and general manager; James W. Searcy, of Washington, D. C., editor-in-chief and superintendent of the mechanical department.

The company is chartered for the purpose of publishing a daily or weekly paper, and doing a general printing and publishing business. The principal office is to be in Alexandria, Va.

Off for York.

The Laurel Street Fire Company, No. 1, of York, Pa., left yesterday for the city of York, Pa., and on Monday, P. M., and by Richmond and Petersburg railroad same days, at 3:30 P. M., will leave for York, Pa., with steam engine leaving this day.

GEORGE W. ALLAN & Co., Agents.

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Virginia Navigation Company's Sloop, "The Chesapeake," will leave for Norfolk, Portsmouth, Old Point, Newport News, Gloucester and James river landings, on Monday, October 9th, at daylight. Great tourist line. James river, Dutch Gap and scenery. Rates \$1.50 and \$1.00. Steamer Ariel leaves Wednesday, October 11th, at daylight. (STREET CARS GO DIRECT TO STEAMER'S WHARF) For advanced fares, call on the agent, or on the steamer and at Garber's Agency, No. 101 Main street. Baggage checked through. Lowest rates. Smokers and night. Music by a grand orchestra. FRIGHT—Freight received daily for all goods, and for passengers to and from Virginia and all regular landings on the James river. LOWEST RATES, and through bills issued.

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Beecham's Pills with a drink of water morning.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Virginia Sports Association will be held in the office of the Southern Planter and Farmer at 10 o'clock A. M. on Thursday, October 12, 1893. A large attendance is particularly desired.

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Great Unanimity of Our Most Prominent Citizens.

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He is the type of eminent men whose word commands belief, and we gladly publish what he says because we know it to be true and because others will be assured of its truth by his own powerful words.

"I was broken down in health and most used to say, 'I was terribly nervous and could not sleep nights. I was also troubled with dyspepsia in its worst form. All the food I ate almost killed me with pain, indigestion, gas and bloating of the stomach."

"I continued to take Dr. Greene's Nerve Blood and Nerve Remedy and took five bottles. I now feel a hundred times better, in fact I am all right and can eat anything without hurting me a bit and sleep well and soundly."

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## LEGAL NOTICES.

VIRGINIA—IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, THE 3D DAY OF OCTOBER, 1893.

John A. Cunningham and William Overton, executors of Edwin T. James, deceased, Plaintiffs, against Richard C. Harding, Edwin T. Harding, Walter L. Harding, Leslie C. Harding, Ida S. Carrington, James Hogue, her husband; David S. Payne, George A. W. Payne, Robert R. Payne, Mary C. Payne, Ella G. Turner, and G. K. Turner, her husband; John S. Page and Mary T. Page, Jr., her husband; Margaret Smith, Mary Johnson, John T. Hughes, sheriff of the city of Richmond, and as such administrators of Edwin T. James, deceased, and Alice Ould, infant, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

This cause came on this day to be further heard on the papers formerly read, on the petition of the said John A. Cunningham and William Overton, against the said Richard C. Harding, Edwin T. Harding, Walter L. Harding, Leslie C. Harding, Ida S. Carrington, James Hogue, her husband; David S. Payne, George A. W. Payne, Robert R. Payne, Mary C. Payne, Ella G. Turner, and G. K. Turner, her husband; John S. Page and Mary T. Page, Jr., her husband; Margaret Smith, Mary Johnson, John T. Hughes, sheriff of the city of Richmond, and as such administrators of Edwin T. James, deceased, and Alice Ould, infant, Defendants.

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